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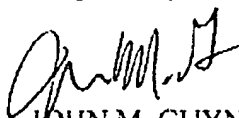
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

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In response to the Office Action of December 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.